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Application No. 09/229,628

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on April 18, 2003. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

Appellants filed an amendment on February 13, 2001 (Paper No. 5). A review of the file reveals that the amendment was only physically entered in part with respect to the claims on appeal. The changes to the specification, according to said amendment, have not been physically entered.

Furthermore, in the Examiner's Answer mailed on June 19, 2002 (Paper No. 19), the examiner relies upon Japanese Patent No. JP 6-232345, yet has not provided a full text English translation of Japanese Patent No. JP 6-232345.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner for complete entry of the amendment filed on February 13, 2001 (Paper No. 5), to provide a full text English translation of Japanese Patent No. 6-232345 and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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